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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 03 MDL 1570 (GBD)(SN)

This Document Relates to: <u>Havlish, et al. v. bin Laden, et al.</u> 1:03-cv-9848 (GBD)(FM)

ORDER UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1610(c) AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT

After having read and considered the *Havlish* Plaintiffs' Motion for Order Under 28 U.S.C. § 1610(c) Authorizing Enforcement of Judgment, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. That on September 12, 2013, this Court previously determined that:
- the *Havlish* Plaintiffs had validly and properly served the Final Judgment entered against the Defendants Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Hoseini Khamenei, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iranian Ministry of Information and Security, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Iranian Ministry of Petroleum, Iranian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, Iranian Ministry of Commerce, Iranian Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics, Central Bank of Iran, *a.k.a.*, Bank Markazi, National Iranian Petrochemical Company, National Iranian Oil Company, National Iranian Tanker Company, National Iranian Gas Company, Iran Air, and Hezbollah (collectively, the "Judgment Debtor Defendants") on each Judgment Debtor Defendant in conformity with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1608(e);
- (b) a reasonable period of time had elapsed since entry of the Final Judgment and since service of the Final Judgment on the Judgment Debtor Defendants; and
- (c) the *Havlish* Plaintiffs were authorized to begin enforcing the Final Judgment against assets belonging to the Judgment Debtor Defendants pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §

1610(c) by this Court's Order dated September 12, 2013 (*Havlish* Doc. No. 393, MDL Doc. No. 2778) ("September 12, 2013 Order");

- 2. That, since entry of the September 12, 2013 Order, the *Havlish* Plaintiffs have been attempting to enforce the Final Judgment against assets belonging to the Judgment Debtor Defendants and Judgment Debtor Defendants have been opposing such enforcement efforts;
- 3. That, as of the date of the filing of this Motion for an additional order authorizing them to enforce the Final Judgment against specific assets belonging to the Judgment Debtor Defendants, more than seven years have passed since the date of service without payment of the Final Judgment by the Judgment Debtors and more than six years have passed this Court granted a previous motion authorizing them to enforce the Final Judgment; and
- 4. That the *Havlish* Plaintiffs have an opportunity to enforce the Final Judgment against assets within the jurisdiction of this Court belonging to the Judgment Debtor Defendants, including, more particularly, assets belonging to the Central Bank of Iran that are currently held by Clearstream Banking, S.A., as more particularly described in 22 U.S.C. § 8772 (2019).
- 5. That, in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1610(c), a reasonable period of time has elapsed following the entry of the Final Judgment against the Judgment Debtor Defendants and the giving of notice by service of the Final Judgment upon each of them in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1608(e).
- 6. That, among other procedures available to them under New York law to aid in execution, the *Havlish* Plaintiffs are authorized to serve Clearstream with restraining notices pursuant to NY CPLR 5222 in aid of their efforts to execute against those assets.
- 7. That given the unprecedented interruption of normal business and court operations caused by restrictions that federal, state, and local governments have imposed, and additional measures that many businesses have voluntarily implemented, in an effort to limit the

spread of the COVID-19 virus, statutorily identified methods of serving restraining notices by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested through the United States Post Office pursuant to NY CPLR 5222(a), have been interrupted or become unreliable.

- 8. That given these circumstances, the *Havlish* Plaintiffs are authorized to serve a restraining notice on Clearstream by Federal Express courier delivery, signature requested, and by email to the email addresses of officers of Clearstream's New York representative office, Clearstream's New York office customer service department, and Clearstream's attorney.
- 9. That the *Havlish* Plaintiffs initiated service of the restraining notice on Clearstream by Federal Express overnight courier delivery on March 26, 2020, and obtained a return receipt establishing proof that Clearstream received the restraining notice on March 27, 2020.
- 10. That Clearstream has published in a document on its internet website that, at the present time, normal business operations are interrupted due to COVID-19 business restrictions, and, therefore, it is accepting delivery of electronic copies of documents.
- 11. That the *Havlish* Plaintiffs sent by email a copy of the restraining notice to the email addresses of officers of Clearstream's New York representative office, Clearstream's New York office customer service department, and Clearstream's attorney on April 1, 2020, and that, as of the date of the *Havlish* Plaintiffs' motion, none of the emails had been returned as undeliverable, nor has there been any other indication of lack of receipt, and there is no reason to believe such emails have not been delivered to such addressees.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the *Havlish* Plaintiffs' Motion for Order Under 28 U.S.C. § 1610(c) Authorizing Enforcement of Judgment is GRANTED, and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the *Havlish* Plaintiffs are authorized pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1610(c) to enforce the Final Judgment by any lawful means, including attachment of, and execution against, the specific assets against the property held at Clearstream Banking, S.A. that belongs to any of the Judgment Debtor Defendants, including, more particularly, the Central Bank of Iran, *a.k.a.* Bank Markazi, as described and authorized by 22 U.S.C. § 8772 (2019).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the *Havlish* Plaintiffs are authorized to serve a restraining notice on Clearstream and to serve the notice by Federal Express courier delivery and by email to officers of Clearstream's New York office, Clearstream's New York customer service department, and Clearstream's attorney.

Date: ______LAPR 0 7 2020

New York, New York

SO ORDERED:

HORGE B. DANIELS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE